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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
TAKEHIKO NAKAI) Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: 09/626,738) Group Art Unit: 2872
Filed: July 26, 2000)
For: DIFFRACTION OPTICAL)
ELEMENT) October 17, 2000

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
09/241,851	02/02/99	2872
09/327,474	06/08/99	2872
09/468,864	12/21/99	2872

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), no copy of any cited U.S. Application is enclosed.

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The Japanese language documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 are each cited in the specification, and are relevant for the reasons noted therein. The documents are discussed in the specification as follows:

<u>Document</u>	<u>Pages</u>
04-213421	1
06-324262	1
09-127322	4
10-133149	4

Applicant has also obtained from a commercial database English language abstracts for most of the Japanese documents. Copies of those abstracts are enclosed for the Examiner's convenience. However, Applicant was not able to obtain an English language abstract for document No. 04-213421.

FORMAL MATTERS

No fee is believed due in connection with this paper; however, if any fee is due, it should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

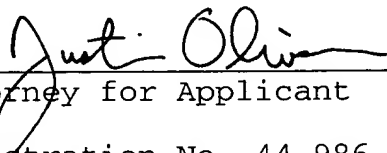
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of

the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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